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Our PUBLICATION OFFICE is next door to the POST OFFICE in Bloomfield.

THE GAZETTE OFFICE—NOTICE.

Frequent inquiries for us at our office at the Gazette render it necessary that we should state that our Central Office in Bloomfield is simply or chiefly only a PUBLICATION OFFICE, regularly open on Fridays; which is our publication day. The papers are distributed from that office on that day through the mail, or otherwise, to subscribers and to news dealers. We visit that office daily to get such communications and advertisements as may be placed in our office box, but our editorial room is at our residence on Washington street, where we may generally be found in our Library before nine A. M. and after 4 P. M., and will be happy to see our friends and those who have any GAZETTE business with us. Letters by post or through our office box reach us twice every day.

DELINQUENTS.—There are a number of subscribers who have not yet paid their subscription for the present year. May we ask their prompt attention to this little detail. It will appear next week.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND THE NEW POSTAL LAW.

This law goes into effect on the first of January. Newspapers are free of postage to subscribers in every part of the country where published, except those deposited in or sent by mail to a "Letter Carrier's office" for delivery.

The only exception in Essex County will therefore be those sent to Newark. Such, if issued more frequently than weekly, must have a one cent stamp on. *Weeklies*, sent to Newark—it being a "Letter Carrier's" office—must be prepaid the same as those sent beyond the county.

We shall therefore be obliged, under this law, to prepay the postage, at the rate of two cents a pound, on all papers to subscribers, one copy to each, in Newark and elsewhere beyond the County of Essex.

This we shall cheerfully do, the subscription price of the GAZETTE remaining unchanged.

WHO ARE TO BE DEEMED SUBSCRIBERS?

We answer—Those to whom we regularly send the GAZETTE in accordance with our published conditions. These embrace:

1st. All who pay an agreed subscription price. 2nd. All settled Clergymen in Essex County. 3rd. All Public School Teachers in Essex County. 4th. Our regular Advertising customers.

To Clergymen and Teachers in the country we have for two years past, sent the GAZETTE freely. For the coming year, we shall be happy to send it to both these professions for one dollar each individual, or for one new subscriber at \$2, or for an occasional contribution of interest for our columns respecting church, schools or other useful general local topic.

We hope to make the GAZETTE the coming year of more interest and valuable to readers of all classes, and in every part of the county of Essex than it has ever been. Some new features will be manifested in the first and second issues of the new volume.

Now we earnestly hope that present subscribers will immediately renew their subscriptions, and that other citizens and friends in Bloomfield, Montclair and elsewhere will favor this enterprise by securing its weekly visits. It is especially devoted to the interests of these towns.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This important document was delivered to Congress and read in both houses on Monday. It appeared the next morning in most of the daily papers throughout the country. It has doubtless been generally noticed and more or less commented on in a majority of the homes of this free and happy land.

As we hoped and predicted President Grant has evinced, in this message, more of his natural independence of judgment than in any former one. His long experience and accurate observation have qualified him to form opinions on all the great questions of interest to the country. It is no presumption in the President to express his judgment on points where the great minds of the nation differ. He should be the most competent advisor in all the land. He evidently feels his responsibility and does not hesitate to avow his convictions. His sentiments are clearly stated, and where necessary are supported by brief but cogent reasoning.

On the Finance question his views, hitherto made known, have undergone no change, but he expresses them now with more confidence and emphasis. He would have no repudiation, no inflation of legal tender notes but a speedy return to specific payments, the method for which he thinks should be determined by Congress without delay.

The President says: "I believe it is in the power of Congress at this session to devise such legislation as will renew confidence, revive all the industries, start us on a career of prosperity, to last for many years, and to save the credit of the nation and of the people."

And again: "It seems to me that nothing is clearer than that the greater part of the burden of existing prostration for the want of a sound financial system falls upon the working man, who must, after all, produce the wealth, and upon the salaried man, who superintends and conducts business. The burden falls upon them in two ways—by the deprivation of employment and by the decreased purchasing power of their salaries."

This subject is considered by the President of such importance that he gives special prominence to it by introducing it at the beginning of his Message and by most earnestly commanding it to the consideration of Congress. It occupies about one-fourth of the Message.

OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS constitute the second topic and are presented in a Statesman-like comprehension of them and with many candor. The other departmental interests are considered and their needs commended to Congress.

We regard the Message with much favor, as comprehensive, statesmanlike, patriotic, wise and judicious. If Congress will now act up to it and earnestly co-operate with President Grant, we shall soon hail returning prosperity, unity and peace.

REV. MR. SPELLMYER'S SHREWDNESS.—We have received very gratifying commendations for our "good judgment and enterprise" in publishing in our last number the able thanksgiving sermon of Rev. Mr. Spellmyer.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE.—Our very interesting New York Correspondence, which we give every week, has elicited high praise from many readers.

ANOTHER letter from our Montclair Correspondent on "Reminiscences of Foreign Travel," appears this week.

NEXT WEEK we shall give a rich letter from our Foreign Correspondent at St. Petersburg, Russia, who promises to favor us with letters from time to time.

AN ESTIMATED CITIZEN OF MONTCLAIR HAS written for our columns a valuable paper on the growth and prosperity of our country and its present prospects, based on reliable data. It will appear next week.

OUR DARLING FREDDIE. Son, Words and Music by A. Barringer. Newark, N. J.: Published by Duncklee & Davies, No. 719 Broad Street.

We have received from the author a copy of this song, which was written on the death of his little boy in August last. The words, set to appropriate music, breathe the feelings of a submissively afflicted heart. It gives us pleasure to recommend it to Mr. Barringer's numerous friends in the county.

The interesting original story, commenced in this issue, will be concluded in our next.

VALUABLE BOOKS RECEIVED FROM HARPER & BROTHERS.

POLITICS FOR YOUNG AMERICANS, by Northoff.

NURSERY NOOKINES, by Gail Hamilton.

THE LITTLE LAMB PRINCE, by author of John Halifax, Gentleman.

All of which we shall notice at length at an early day.

HOME MATTERS.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre Dec. 8, 4 5 6 7 8 9
At 7 A. M. 28° 24° 20° 30° 35° 25° 20°
At Noon 49° 36° 32° 41° 43° 34° 33°
At 9 P. M. 41° 28° 30° 35° 38° 24° 27°

BLOOMFIELD.

BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The walls of this fine building are up and the true beams for the roof are on. The contractor has done his work well and promptly. The building will be enclosed before the ravages of winter can impair its excellence.

The enterprising and business-like Directors have given good proof of their capacity to inaugurate and carry forward this great improvement. Day by day the building committee, Messrs. J. F. Randolph, J. Banks, Reed and John H. Chambers, have been observed watching the progress of the rising walls, and looking after the details of quality of materials and excellence of workmanship, with a diligence and scrutiny that evinced their determination to give to this town the finest building of the kind in Essex County.

The weekly meetings of the Board, never but once interrupted, have shown how earnestly all the directors sympathized with and supported the building committee in their noble purpose.

It is greatly reassuring to know that those who are managing this enterprise have been ready to attest their appreciation of its importance and their confidence in its success by liberally putting their own money into it also. It only needs the liberal co-operation of all our citizens to secure for all time this enduring monument of the wisdom and foresight of its patriotic projectors, which cannot fail to result to promote the material and social and moral interests of this town.

The stock is represented by shares of \$25 each. So that every home and almost every resident can become a stockholder and have a voice in its management. A few of our citizens have subscribed for 60 shares, others for 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 5 and 1. Who would not wish to be a stockholder in this fine public edifice of Bloomfield? Who can afford to invest \$25 by ten monthly payments of \$2.50 each, to secure to our town an attractive and commodious Public Hall and a most creditable Free Library! What more interesting and valuable memento can a father leave to his child than a certificate of his membership in the first Public Library Association of Bloomfield!

And what a splendid Christmas present such a certificate would be! Subscriptions can be made at the office of Horatio Pierson, we believe. We understand a number have been made lately, among whom we find the name of

Mr. Horace Freeman for ten shares \$250 Rev. Dr. Cox for four shares - - - - 100 Mr. Charles Huff for two - - - - 50 Mr. Peter Henn for one share - - - - 25

We may have other particulars to give soon. Let us encourage the Board of Directors to push the edifice forward to completion at as early a period as possible.

GAS FIXTURES.—Our citizens in Bloomfield and Montclair who are introducing gas into their houses, should notice the advertisement in another column of ARCHER and PARCOAST MANUFACTURING COMPANY, who make and furnish at short notice and at the lowest prices all descriptions of Gas fixtures, of which they have also at times a large stock and great variety in hand, at their ware rooms 67 Greene street, New York.

ANOTHER LECTURE.—On Wednesday evening next, 10th inst., Rev. W. H. Evans, of New York, will deliver a lecture on "CHARACTERS I CAN'T FANCY," in the Montclair Methodist Church, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Sunday School Library. Admittance 25 cents.

Educational.

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We are happy to know that our efforts to have the public understand the true character of all our educational institutions, especially of our own public schools, have not failed to attract the attention of parents and others most deeply interested in the training of the young. We shall continue very frequently to lay before our readers the results of our careful inquiry, hoping thus to encourage and stimulate teachers and pupils in the school room, and parents at home united to give their best endeavors to raise our schools to the high character we so earnestly advocate and desire for them.

In publishing our monthly statement of the facts relating to the attendance, &c. of our scholars, it has been suggested to us, that instead of comparing the report of any one month with that of the month immediately preceding it, it would be a more just method of estimating the real progress of our schools; were we to compare the month under consideration with the corresponding months of previous years. We have therefore made careful enquiry and are enabled to present the corresponding months of '73 and '74 as below which we trust will interest every parent and every scholar.

Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor of the M. E. Church, has been suffering from a severe cold on the lungs. Rev. Dr. Betterfield, filled the pulpit on Sabbath last.

An entertainment is to be given by the Odd Fellows, next Friday evening, in Jacobus Hall, consisting of Songs, Tableaux, &c., to conclude with a social hop. Admission to Concert, 25 cents.

ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE.—Transfers are noted; Conklin to F. W. Shrum & Co. 16 acres on Swinefield Road for \$3,250.

John Foley to Jas. Foley, Lot 25 x 100 ft. on Central Ave. \$400

J. N. Reeves to E. C. Fuller, House and Lot 90 x 250 ft. on Union Street west of Fullerton Avenue for \$7,500.

Jas. Crane to Edw. Madison Lot 50 x 150 on Forest street for \$1,000. Intends to build.

Mrs. Cunningham has broken ground for a dwelling on her lot on Claremont Avenue.

E. P. Clark to Elmer G. Doolittle 9 acres at Watchung on Mountain Avenue, running to top of Mountain, for \$13,500.

REMARKS.

1. We see that the whole number of scholars, members of these schools during November 1874, is greater by 74 than in November 1873.

2. The actual attendance each day is 115 more the past month than in November of last year.

3. The per cent. of attendance during the past month is higher by 7 than during November, a year ago.

4. The number of cases of tardiness during November 1874, is 140 less than for the same month last year; and of half day absence the gain over the same month last year is 765. On all the points to which this month as compared with the same month in 1873—notwithstanding the number on register is also increased by 74. But we are sorry to be obliged to except from this commendation, the High School, where tardiness and absences have largely increased. Why this is so we cannot explain, as the High School ought in every respect, except other departments of the schools.

NEW STATION.—The Montclair Railway Company has established, for the accommodation of the North end of our village, a new station at the crossing of their road over Central Avenue, which they publish as Broad street station.

The Spruce Street station will be abandoned, but will be considered The Bloomfield Station of that road, as heretofore.

The distance between the two is estimated equal to about ten leaps of a Western grasshopper.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Wm. Colfax is building an addition to his store, corner of Central and Belleville Avenues.

A little further up Mr. Jeremiah Thompson is building a large addition to his residence on Central Avenue. We cannot commend his taste, however, in bringing his improvement out to the margin of the street.

It certainly marks the rural beauty of the West Side of the Avenue in that neighborhood.

At the railway crossing, farther on, an extensive staircase has been erected for convenience of those who wish to take the cars at the new station, called "Broad Street" station, probably in derision, as the Avenue there, is not wide enough for a horse and wagon to turn round without serious danger of upsetting.

BENJAMIN, the son of Rev. Dr. Chas. E. Knox, met with a sudden death while engaged in innocent play with an associate near his father's residence at Point Pleasant, N. J.

MONTCLAIR.

REV. MR. BRADFORD'S second lecture was well attended, and was considered by many even more interesting than the first. The stereoscopic illustrations by Professor Geo. W. Pool, Persons having heard this talk speak in terms of highest praise. Any musician, being a good judge, cannot fail to recognize the merits of this really fine piece of music.

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TOWN COUNCIL—MONTCLAIR.

Regular Meeting Dec. 9th.

The Councilor to the Board gave his opinion that the Freewholders were bound to construct the bridge over the stream crossing Mountain Avenue at the Montclair Railway Cut.

Assessment for grading Irving street was reported.

An animated discussion was had on the widening of Fullerton Avenue from Union st. to Bloomfield Avenue, without reaching a decision.

The usual Auditing of Monthly bills took place including an appropriation of \$500 to pay for grading of Fullerton Avenue.

Mr. Madison's store presents a very attractive appearance. His large and fine stock of Books, Gold Pens and Pencils, Games, Toys and Fancy Goods for the holidays are well worth inspecting by those who design making Holiday gifts.

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